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SUBJECT: BRATISLAVA YOUNG MUSICIANS QUALIFYING ROUND: KREGER

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1. BRATISLAVA MUSIC FESTIVAL AUTHORITIES INFORMED
EMBASSY THAT JAMES KREGER SELECTED AS ONE OF THOSE TO BE INVITED
TO PERFORM WITH SLOVAK ORCHESTRAS, AND SOLO, NEXT FALL.
2. FESTIVAL SPOKESMAN SAID TAPES SUBMITTED BY KREGER OF POOR
TECHNICAL QUALITY, BUT ON STRENGTH OF STRONG RECOMMENDATION FROM
ONE JUDGE WHO HEARD KREGER PLAY IN TCHAIKOVSKY COMPETITION
SELECTION WAS CONFIRMED.
3. HOWEVER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL,
PARIS, WHO WAS PRESENT FOR JUDGING, INSISTS THAT KREGER MUST BE
SPONSORED BY SOME U.S. RADIO STATION. SLOVAKS WERE WILLING TO
FOREGO THIS TECHNICALITY BUT NOW HAVE HANDS TIED BY SPECIFIC
RULING.
4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES, PERHAPS THROUGH
JULLIARD SCHOOL OF MUSIC, OF FINDING SOME RADIO STATION
(PERHAPS AFFILIATED WITH UNIVERSITY) OF SPONSORING KREGER.
5. ADVISE.
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